

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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Farm Bureau members please note.

There will be a joint meeting of the Men's and Women's Farm Bureau at the Community Hall Wednesday evening February 12. Supper will be served from seven to eight and the price will be Sherman Rowe, County Agent, Sarah Littlefield, Home Demonstration Agent and James A. Golden Jr. 4-H Agent will be there. The Pine Tree 4-H Club will demonstrate "Lunch Pails." We hope every member will come and bring their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whittum of Newton Highlands, Mass. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peaco this week. They arrived Sunday and expect to return home Thursday.

Richard Lamb of Springvale, son of Carl Lamb, arrived in town Monday. He visited relatives and returned home Wednesday. Mr. Lamb returned from Europe last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edwards of South Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiley at supper Sunday.

Sybil Ramsdell of South Paris has been ill since Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber Sr. spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice LeBlonde in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crockett and two daughters of South Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blossom and family.

Benjamin Dyer has finished work for his son Howard and is working for Elmer Latulip.

Inie Wiley of Norway spent Sunday with her son Martin Wiley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goss spent the week end in Auburn with his parents.

Addie Bean, who was in East Lynn, Mass. for several days, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lamb and Mrs. Mary McMahon spent Sunday evening at the Ernest Peacos. Howard Whittum entertained them with colored slides pictures which he had taken himself.

Richard Dyer and Gordon Knight keep busy Saturdays and school holidays, cutting pulp.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Denning and daughter Bonnie and Mrs. Ruby Sharon of Bridgton spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blossom; other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Knight and son Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber Sr. were in Lewiston Saturday.

Dexter Nutting decided the weather man was too generous with the rain. His logs did not stay put, they went floating around on a tour of the place.

Anna Nevin was in Portland Tuesday with Mrs. Alice Cole.

Maurice Whitcomb and Philip Stone were in Norway Saturday night.

OTISFIELD GORE

George Linnell, who lives in Portland, spent the week end at his farm. He called on Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett and on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merrill.

Robert Day of Norway spent Saturday night and Sunday with his friend Nathaniel B. Green.

Ruth Brackett spent Saturday afternoon with her schoolmate Janyce Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett were in Portland shopping, Saturday.

Ruby Green called on Lucia York Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thurston of Rumford called on her mother, Mrs. Sarah Thomas and her brother Lester Thomas and family Sunday.

Mrs. Sanford Annis was in Bridgton Friday and had all her under teeth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurlow were in Norway Monday on business.

Calvin Morse and Camp Stewart of South Paris were callers at Charles Thurlows Sunday.

Ralph Jackson and son Norman of Oxford called on Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis Monday.

Louise Johnson spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Loren Brett.

Miss Janyce Johnson is the proud owner of a nice big new sled.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Flanders and daughter of Norway were callers at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thannie Greens Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Buck of Norway spent Sunday evening with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett.

Louise Johnson and Madeline Brett made Evelyn Annis a door-yard call Wednesday afternoon.

Shirley Thomas and daughter Crystal and Mrs. Sarah Thomas were in Norway, South Paris and Welchville Friday.

Robert Thomas took his mother to Welchville Monday afternoon to get her sister Lucy Glover. Mrs. Glover slipped on the ice Friday and it is feared that she has some broken ribs.

Nathaniel B. and Frank Green, Robert Day and Marilyn and Buddy Cummings went ice fishing Sunday and brought home 17 nice pickerel.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Annis of Waterbury, Conn. arrived Wednesday to spend a few days with his father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis. Mrs. Doris Brooks and two children Philip and Barbara of Lewiston are planning to come up Thursday to help celebrate her father's birthday. More about it next week.

Mabel Peaco and Dorothy Lamb are the happy owners of new washing machines.

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena K. Dyer

Settlement of Otisfield

(cont'd from last week)

By 1795 the following had become residents of the plantation: Joseph Cotes, Nathaniel and William Edwards, William Gammon, Elias and Rowland Hancock, (a second family of the name who settled south of Bolsters Mills) Oliver Hapgood, Stephen Johnson, Robert and Henry Knight, Ebenezer Kollcock, David Mayberry, Joseph Morse (the first blacksmith in town), Edward Scribner came in 1791 and his sons Joseph, John, Samuel and Willoughby settled on the highest land in the south of the town. Jonathan Smith, John Sawyer, Elisha, Thaddeus and Simeon Turner, George Walker, Zachariah and Thomas Weston and Nathan Haskell.

In 1796 Ichabod Witham, Nathan Nutting and John Holden and by 1803 Thomas Edes, Dennis Lovewell, William Anderson, John and Richard Lombard, Barney and Thomas Sawyer, Benjamin Stevens, Timothy Jordan, Peter and Samuel Wardwell, Zachariah Morton, Robert Anderson and Edwin, Joseph and Daniel Scribner were annexed with their lands joining Oxford County, formerly called Phillips Gore - in 1803.

In 1795 there were but 15 houses and 19 barns in the town. George Pierce owned two horses and 19 others owned one each. Among the 66 voters there were but 226 acres of cleared land, exclusive of the beaver meadows which had been partially drained and furnished excellent pasture or mowing lands. A careful canvass made in the fall of that year shows the entire potato crop to have been 86 bushels.

Many of the settlers were soldiers of the Revolution and the greater number from the vicinity of Groton, Mass.

The final resting places of many of them may be found in the town cemeteries, the oldest of which is that on Bell Hill opposite the old Church which was selected by the proprietors in 1781.....

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horton and Helen Peaco went to Portland Friday. Helen attended the Cumberland County Teachers Convention. Vera and Christine Peaco spent the day at East Otisfield with their grandmother, Mabel Peaco.

Fred and Doris Culbert went up to Norway to the pictures Friday afternoon and brought Marian home with them for the week end.

Mrs. Amy Meister called on the Culberts Saturday afternoon.

The Dyers went to Norway Thursday afternoon. They made a short call on the Downings and Mabel Wilbur.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hamlin were dinner guests of the Dyers.

Tuesday the Dyers made a trip to Lewiston.

Lena Dyer has enjoyed calls this week from Luba and Sonja Jillson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whittum.

BOLSTERS MILLS

The trip to Augusta was a little vacation for the boys. It is now up to the Public Utilities whether we have water or not. Mr. Clark's representative, Mr. Blacquere of Norway presented his case alright but when the boys were asked their opinions, if they didn't watch their step, they were politely asked to sit down.

Phyllis Thomas and Joanne Knightly went ice fishing on Mud Pond Saturday. Phyllis spent Saturday night and Sunday with Joanne.

Verne Knightly got in his ice Sunday, also Lawrence Wights.

Mrs. Virginia Ellis has gone to Dublin, N.H. to visit her mother Mrs. Lawrence Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Grover and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Lord took their snow shoes and went rabbit hunting Friday afternoon. Poor rabbits!

Reino Johnson's horses and driver, Mr. Bowley, have finished yarding Verne Knightly's wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grover called on Percy and Nettie Grover Sunday.

Hazel Ellis and Ruth Knightly visited her mother, Mrs. Ansel Morton Wednesday and brought home fifteen pretty bags.

The children are enjoying good sliding on this heavy crust.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Merrill of Harrison were visitors at the Knightlys Tuesday evening. They enjoyed a game of whist and cribbage.

Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matsons were her sister and family of West Paris.

Joanne Knightly has resumed her piano lessons of Mrs. Vida Greene at Harrison.

Those attending Pomona at Bryants Pond Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Verne Knightly and Mrs. Lulu Pinkham.

Howard Dyer says it pays to advertise in the Otisfield News. He has sold eleven log rules to date and has orders for seven more.

Saturday evening callers at the Martin Wileys were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goss and Edith Goss and friend.

Mabel Peaco went to Norway Tuesday with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whittum.

Laura Fickett spent Tuesday in Lewiston.

Rev. Frank Keehlwetter of Bryants Pond was a dinner guest of Rev. and Mrs. Gile recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Baker entertained his brother and mother Sunday.

Mae Jillson and three daughters of Auburn were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining and two children called on her grandfather John Lamb in South Paris, Sunday.

Delia Stone was in Norway Saturday evening with her sister Millic Lessard and Cornelius Cronin of Lewiston.

GERTRUDES CORNER

Hi folks! No one needs to go to Iceland or the South Pole in order to see ice, for ice is one of the chief things to contend with right here.

Walking on it so much has even changed our gait as we "nip along" looking down so much.

In old times wouldn't blacksmiths have had busy times in such a winter! Every family then kept a horse and you could tell all the town's people by looking at the horse and carriage. It's harder now to tell autos yet there are a few old stand-bys.

Sometimes it's been known when you could not tell your own car, for instance, - One night I was at Bell Hill Church to a gathering where there were many cars. In the midst of the service a thunder shower began, so I was worried and went out to go home. I could not seem to make my car key work, then all at once discovered I was in some one else's car!

Over to Naples at Pomona Grange one night I remember how a man and his wife almost reached home before discovering they had the wrong car.

It never happened in horse and buggy days.

Gertrude I. Barrows.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the beautiful cards and flowers and to Rev. Millard Gile for his comforting words in our recent bereavement.

Leon Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Welch
and Grandchildren.

LONA SMALL

Lona Small, age 83, died last week at the home of her son Clifford in East Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Small is survived by one son Clifford of East Lynn, Mass.; a sister Addie Stone Bean of this town; a brother Ralph Stone of Alfred; one granddaughter and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from Carl's Funeral Parlor in Springvale.

Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Alfred.

Russell Edwards suffered a shock on ~~Wednesday~~ day of last week.

Ralph Lamb is one of the successful fisherman. He brought home a pickerel measuring 23 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stilkey have moved into the rent over Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb of Spurr's Corner.

Winner of the word contest is Mrs. Ruby Green with 491 words. Close seconds were Harriet Greenleaf Noyes of Bethel and Beverly Bean.

Try this: - Words pronounced the same but have different meanings, like

blue - a color and blew - pret. of blow. All words must have definitions with them; names and addresses must be with

SOUTH OTISFIELD

George Welch of Wisconsin is spending a few days with Leon Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fortier of Roslindale, Mass. spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier last week.

Melvin Welch called on his uncle Leon Welch Sunday.

Elvira Welch and Ruth Milose and son of Portland called on Velma Fortier Wednesday.

Dwight Jordan of Portland is assisting Forrest Edwards with his ice. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier Jr. called on Mrs. Eva Scribner Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer of Welchville spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier.

Edward Fortier had supper and spent the evening with his father Joseph Fortier Saturday.

Callers at the Fred Fortiers Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lowe, Joseph Fortier and son Buddy.

Robert Baker called on friends in Casco Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier Jr. spent Saturday evening with his brother Lindley and family in Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Welch had supper with Leon and George Welch Monday.

F.J. Comments

What did you decide about the Ground Hog? ... Let us be thankful that our thermometers are not called on to do their worst - 83.7 in Yukon.... Dot Cole made a flying visit to the Trails End Farm.... When laboring men use a plane to go ice cutting, Forrest Edwards beats the town record! They are careless as to the road conditions.... Grange Saturday night, with the March of Dimes for the Polio victims. We never know when our town may have a victim in line.... Now with a good crust we can easily get about to prune our trees.... Next week Valentines Day and Lincolns Birthday... H.D.F. has done his share to relieve the meat shortage... Hain-yes-but beware.... Yes a real January thaw.

Mrs. Stella Jackson began teaching in 1920 in Bisbeetown; her next school was the Rayville school here in Otisfield. She was one of fifty selected to attend State Helping Teachers School in Oastine. After completing the course the State employed Mrs. Jackson as a visiting helping teacher in the union including Solon, Bingham and Union. She taught in Anron Junior High, receiving a Life Certificate that year. She taught 12 or 13 years in Somerset County, taught night school for foreigners and is now in the 22nd year of teaching. Mrs. Jackson has been in 4-H Club work for eleven years, as organizer and leader, is now assistant leader of the Pine Tree 4-H Club.

Contest will close on February 20. Send all entries to The Otisfield News, R. #2, Oxford, Me.